

UNIT 23

(SEE PAGE 132 FOR UNIT 23 MAP)

This unit consists of Kotzebue Sound, Chukchi Sea, and Arctic Ocean drainages from and including the Goodhope River drainage to Cape Lisburne.

Special Provisions:

- The **Noatak Controlled Use Area** is closed for the period August 25 - September 15 to the use of aircraft in any manner either for hunting of ungulates, bear, wolves, or wolverine, or for transportation of hunters or harvested species. This does not apply to the transportation of hunters or parts of ungulates, bear, wolves, or wolverine by regularly scheduled flights to communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled air service. The Area consists of that portion of Unit 23 in a corridor extending five miles on either side of the Noatak River beginning at the mouth of the Noatak River, and extending upstream to the mouth of Sapun Creek.
- The **Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area** is open to brown bear hunting by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag. The Area consists of Unit 21(D), Unit 22, except 22(C), and Unit 23, except the Baldwin Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle, Unit 24, and Unit 26(A). No resident tag is required for taking brown bears in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area, provided that the hunter has obtained a State registration permit prior to hunting; aircraft may not be used in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area in any manner for brown bear hunting under the authority of a brown bear State registration permit, including transportation of hunters, bears or parts of bears; however, this does not apply to transportation of bear hunters or bear parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation of aircraft to or between publicly owned airports. See Page 15 for sealing requirements.
- Caribou may be taken from a boat moving under power in Unit 23.
- Swimming caribou may be taken with a firearm using rimfire cartridges.
- A firearm may be used to take beaver with a trapping license in all of Unit 23 from Nov. 1 - Jun. 10. However, taking beaver with a firearm using a trapping license is prohibited on National Park Service lands.
- For the Baird and DeLong Mountain sheep hunts - A Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take sheep on his or her behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.
- A snowmachine may be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving snowmachine.
- For subsistence harvest, national parks, monuments and preserves are open only to National Park Service qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of National Park Service areas. For more information contact the National Park Service office in Anchorage, Alaska (telephone: 907/257-2649).

An "All rural residents" designation in the following customary and traditional use determinations means that a specific determination has not yet been made.

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

BLACK BEAR

- Residents of Unit 23, Alatna, Allakaket, Bettles, Evansville, Galena, Hughes, Huslia, and Koyukuk

3 bears

July 1 - June 30

BROWN BEAR

- Rural residents of Units 21 and 23

See Special Provision for the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area on page 131.
Contact ADF&G for permit hunt details.

Unit 23 - except the Baldwin Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle - 1 bear by State registration permit only

Sept. 1 - May 31

Remainder of Unit 23 - 1 bear every four regulatory years

Sept. 1 - Oct. 10
Apr. 15 - May 25

CARIBOU

- Unit 23 - Rural residents of Unit 21(D) west of the Koyukuk and Yukon rivers, and rural residents of Galena, Units 22, 23, 24, including residents of Wiseman but not other residents of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area, and 26(A)

15 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16 - June 30

July 1 - June 30

SHEEP

- Residents of Unit 23 north of the Arctic Circle and Point Lay.

Unit 23 - south of Rabbit Creek, Kyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Cutler and Redstone Rivers (Baird Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands may issue permits for the harvest of up to 20 full curl rams, based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of sheep except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30. The season will be closed when half of the quota has been harvested.

Oct. 1 - Apr. 1. The season will be closed when the total quota of sheep has been harvested incl. those harvested during the Aug. 1 - Sept. 30 season.

Unit 23 - north of Rabbit Creek, Kyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Aniuk River (DeLong Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands may issue permits for the harvest of up to 10 full curl rams in the DeLong Mountains, Units 23 and 26(A), based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed.

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30. The season will be closed when half of the quota has been harvested in the DeLong Mts.

Oct. 1 - Apr. 1. The season will be closed when the total quota has been harvested in the DeLong Mts. incl. those harvested during the Aug. 1 - Sept. 30 season.

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

SHEEP (Continued)

Unit 23 - remainder (Schwatka Mountains) - 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

Unit 23 - remainder (Schwatka Mountains) - 1 sheep

Oct. 1 - Apr. 30

MOOSE

- Rural residents of Unit 23

Unit 23 - that portion north and west of and including the Singogalik River drainage, and all lands draining into the Kukpuk and Ipewik rivers - 1 moose; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf

July 1 - Mar. 31

Unit 23 - that portion lying within the Noatak River drainage - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only from Nov. 1 - Mar. 31; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf

Aug. 1 - Sept. 15
Oct. 1 - Mar. 31

Remainder of Unit 23 - 1 moose; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf

Aug. 1 - Mar. 31

MUSKOX

- Unit 23 - south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and including the Buckland River drainage - Rural residents of Unit 23 south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and including the Buckland River drainage
- Remainder Unit 23 - Residents of Unit 23 east and north of the Buckland River drainage

*Federal permits may be obtained from:
National Park Service, Bering Land Bridge
National Preserve, Nome
(See Page 157 for complete address)*

Unit 23 - south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and including the Buckland River drainage - 1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1 - Mar. 15. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Not more than 8 cows may be taken, and the total combined harvest may not exceed 13 animals.

Aug. 1 - Mar. 15

Unit 23 - Remainder

No Federal open season

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
COYOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 coyotes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 foxes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15
HARE: (Snowshoe and Tundra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	July 1 - June 30
LYNX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 lynx	Dec. 1 - Jan. 15
WOLF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26 	5 wolves	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
WOLVERINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	1 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
GROUSE (Spruce and Ruffed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Units 11, 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, 15, 16, 20(D), 22 and 23 	15 per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
PTARMIGAN (Rock, Willow, and White-tailed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Units 11, 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, 15, 16, 20(D), 22 and 23 	20 per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

**SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL
USE DETERMINATION**
HARVEST LIMITS
OPEN SEASONS
BEAVER

- All rural residents

Unit 23 - the Kobuk and Selawik
river drainages - 50 beaver

July 1 - June 30

Remainder of Unit 23 - 30 beaver

July 1 - June 30

COYOTE

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase)

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases)

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

LYNX

- All rural residents

3 lynx

Dec. 1 - Jan. 15

MARTEN

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

MINK AND WEASEL

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Jan. 31

MUSKRAT

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - June 10

OTTER

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

WOLF

- Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 30

WOLVERINE

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15